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E. O. 12065 GDS, 4/23/85 (TRAGEN, I. G)

TAGS: SHUM, AR, OAS

SUBJECT: VISIT OF IAHRC TO ARGENTINA

REF: BA 3129

1. - FULL TEXT)

2. INDICATIONS DEPT HAS CONTINUED TO SUGGEST THAT IAHRC WILL VISIT ARGENTINA AS PLANNED, ALTHOUGH INSTALLATION AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF NEW IAHRC MAY REQUIRE SEVERAL WEEKS. OTHER ISSUES RAISED BY ARLIA (PARAGRAPH 6, REFTEL) ARE MET BY PERM COUNCIL RES. 255 OF SEPT. 20, 1978 TITLED "TRANSITION FROM THE PRESENT IAHRC TO COMMISSION PROVIDED FOR IN THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS".

3. WHILE POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE RULED OUT, WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT ROLE OF ORFILA IN SEEKING DELAY OF VISIT. OUR INFORMATION IS THAT STAFF MEMBERS OF IAHRC BEGAN LOBBYING COSTA RICA AND HONDURAS DELEGATIONS SEVERAL MONTHS AGO TO PUSH FOR EARLY ELECTION OF BOTH COURT AND NEW COMMISSION. THERE WAS SUSPICION ON PART OF JAMAICA AND OTHERS ABOUT ARGENTINE MOTIVES IN JOINING FORCES WITH COSTA RICA AND HONDURAS, AND AMBASSADOR CARASALES WENT TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS ON MORNING OF APRIL 18 TO ASSURE

DOUBTERS THAT GOA WOULD NOT (RPT. NOT) USE PRETEXT OF NEW COMMISSION TO SEEK DELAY. WITHOUT SUCH ASSURANCES, IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT IAHRC ELECTION WOULD HAVE BEEN DEFERRED TO REGULAR GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NOVEMBER.

4. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO MAKE FOREGOING POINTS IN ANY FOLLOW ON DISCUSSIONS WITH ARLIA. VANCE

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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